

**Statement of Status and Support for Claims of
Application to Reissue Patent No. 6,339,843 B1**

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Sir:

Claims 1 through 4 of Patent No. 6,339,843 B1 remain enforceable and have been retained in this reissue application. Claim 5 has been added in this reissue application.

Being based on claim 1 but being broader than claim 1 of the original patent, as explained in the Reissue Application Declaration by the Inventor submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/51 (0703), claim 5 is supported, *inter alia*, by claim 1 of the original patent and by the specification of the original patent.

Thus, the specification of the original patent contains in column 2, lines 19 through 37, original matter reading as follows:

Specifically, this invention provides a protective garment that can be selectively configured so as to be particularly suited for a firefighter fighting a wildland fire, for a firefighter fighting a structural fire, or for a worker engaging in a technical rescue. Thus, the garment comprises an outer shell, which provides abrasion resistance, puncture resistance, or both, a thermal liner, and a separate liner, which includes a moisture barrier. Each said liner is adapted to be separately and detachably attached to and within the outer shell.

Specifically, moreover, the garment is adapted to be selectively configured with neither said liner so attached or with the thermal liner so attached, so as to be particularly suited for a firefighter fighting a wildland fire, with both said liners so attached, so as to be particularly suited for a firefighter fighting a structural fire, or with the separate liner including the moisture barrier so attached, so as to be particularly suited for a firefighter engaging in a technical rescue.

Also, the specification of the original patent contains between column 3, line 62, and column 4, line 18, original matter reading as follows:

In FIG. 5A, zippers 40 are used to attach the liner 30 including the moisture barrier 34 detachably to the outer shell 10 and to attach the thermal liner 20 detachably to the liner 30 including the moisture barrier 34, whereby the thermal liner 20 is considered to be detachably, albeit indirectly, to the outer shell 10. In FIG. 5B, hook-and-loop fasteners (e.g. VELCRO™ fasteners) are used where zippers 40 are used in FIG. 5A. In FIG. 5C, snap fasteners 60 are used where zippers 40 are used in FIG. 5A.

In FIG. 6A, zippers 40 are used to the liner 30 including the moisture barrier 34 detachably to the outer shell 10 and to attach the thermal liner 20 detachably, here directly, to the outer shell 10. In FIG. 6B, hook-and-loop fasteners (e.g. VELCRO™ fasteners) are used where zippers 40 are used in FIG. 6A. In FIG. 6C, snap fasteners 60 are used where zippers 40 are used in FIG. 6A.

Because the liner including the moisture barrier is detachable from the outer shell, apart from the outer shell and apart from the thermal liner, the liner including the moisture barrier can be easily replaced, if the moisture barrier fails while the outer shell and the thermal liner remain useful.

Respectfully submitted,

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